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**GOVERNOR PATRICK NOMINATES THREE AS CLERK MAGISTRATES
OF THE WESTBOROUGH, ATTLEBORO AND STOUGHTON DISTRICT
COURTS**

BOSTON - Tuesday, January 19, 2010 - Governor Deval Patrick today announced the nomination of MaryAnn Pozzessere as Clerk Magistrate of the Westborough District Court, Mark E. Sturdy as Clerk Magistrate of the Attleboro District Court and Robin E. Vaughan as Clerk Magistrate of the Stoughton District Court.

"These impressive individuals have provided exceptional service to their courthouses and the general public for decades," Governor Patrick said. "They are knowledgeable in legal practice and procedure, and have the experience and commitment to justice necessary to be excellent Clerk Magistrates."

MaryAnn Pozzessere has served the trial court for over four decades. Over the years, she has worked in the courts of Worcester, Westborough and Clinton as Head Administrative Clerk for the Civil Department, Sessions Clerk, Assistant Clerk Magistrate and First Assistant Clerk Magistrate. In mid-2007, Pozzessere was named the Acting Clerk Magistrate of the Westborough Court to which she is now being nominated. A lifetime resident of Worcester County, Pozzessere resides in Millbury. She is slated to fill the vacancy at the Westborough District Court created by the retirement of the Honorable Thomas X. Cotter.

Mark E. Sturdy, the Acting Clerk Magistrate of the Attleboro District Court, began his 21-year legal career as a general practitioner, focusing on municipal law, in the Attleboro Law Offices of John P. Lee. During this time, Sturdy served for three years as a Special Assistant District Attorney in the District and Juvenile Courts. In 1998, Sturdy joined the Attleboro District Court as an Assistant Clerk Magistrate, responsible for both civil and criminal sessions. Sturdy has, since early 2009, served as the Court's Acting Clerk. A graduate of Providence College, Bryant College (M.B.A.) and Suffolk University Law School, Sturdy resides in Attleboro with his wife and daughter. He is slated to fill the vacancy at the Attleboro District Court created by the retirement of the Honorable Daniel J. Sullivan.

Robin E. Vaughan has, since 1988, served as an Assistant Clerk Magistrate in the Suffolk Superior Court Criminal Section. Early in her career, Vaughan worked as a Fair Housing Specialist for the Boston Fair Housing Commission and as an Investigator for the MBTA. A resident of Randolph, Vaughan is a graduate of Wellesley College and Georgetown University Law Center. She is slated to fill the vacancy at the Stoughton District Court created by the retirement of the Honorable Donald M. Stapleton.

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